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Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

Agenda

I. Opening (*Tab 1*)

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda

Note: The Board will move to the presentation of the School Bus Safety Poster Awards at this time.

C. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – November 17, 2011

Retreat – November 17-19, 2011

II. Formal Public Comment

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues and on agenda items at the time they are before the Board for discussion. Board Agenda items with formal comment periods or discrete identified records, such as Charter School applications or renewals, Department of Education and Professional Standards Board regulations, and student disciplinary appeals, are not open for comment at the Board meeting at which action is to be taken. At least 15 minutes prior to the meeting being called to order, persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form, giving their name and topic they will address. Comments should be limited to five minutes and each group should choose one representative to speak. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear on the sign up list. As circumstances require, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak, as well as designate the time for comments.

Please Note: Normally, the Board will not respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting, but may respond in writing to a person or group.

III. State Board Business

A. Reports/Discussions

A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members

B. Budget Items

B.1 State Board Budget FY 2012 – Action Item

C. Other

C.1 Technology Items

C.2 Retreat Comments

IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)

A. State Board of Education –

Note: This presentation will take place after Approval of the Agenda

A.1 School Bus Safety Poster Awards Presentation — 20 Minutes
(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)

A statewide school bus safety poster contest was held in October to promote National School Bus Safety Week October 17-21, 2011.

The theme used this year was “I See The Driver – The Driver Sees Me”. There were four divisions: grades K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and Special Education grades K-8. The four winning posters at the State level were submitted to the National School Bus Safety Week Committee, for final judging at the National Association of Pupil Transportation Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The winners were as follows:

Division I (K-2) - Ella Willetts

Grade 2 WB Simpson Elementary

Caesar Rodney School District

Teacher: Mr. Kenny

Parents: Simon & Melissa Willetts

Division II (3-5) - Flor Velasquez Paredes

Grade 5 North Georgetown Elementary

Indian River School District

Teacher: Mrs. VanDrunen

Parents: Israel & Margarita Velasquez

Division III (6-8) - Rebecca Pierre

Talley Middle School

Brandywine School District

Teacher: Ms. O’Leary

Parents: Karine & Datus Pierre

Division IV (Special Education K-8) - Rashad Wallace

Blades Elementary

Seaford School District

Teacher: Ms. Covelli

Parents: Crystal Woolford

B. Department of Education

B.1 DCAS Update – 10 minutes

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Accountability Resources Workgroup, Teaching & Learning Branch, will provide an update on the DCAS assessment.

B.2 Dropout Summary – 20 minutes

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Accountability Resources Workgroup, Teaching & Learning Branch, will present a summary report on the state's school dropout data as prescribed by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES).

B.3 Governor's Education Agenda – 15 minutes

The State Board of Education will receive an update on the Governor's Education Agenda and Race to the Top.

Data Coaches – Donna Mitchell

B.4 ESEA Flexibility – 15 minutes

Daniel Cruce, Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff, will update the members of the State Board of Education on Delaware's ESEA Flexibility application timeline. Joining Mr. Cruce will be Department staff members Dr. Susan Haberstroh and Joanne Reihm.

C. Other Presentations

None.

D. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

V. Action Items

A. Department of Education Regulations (*Tab 3*)

A.1 Regulation 525 Requirements for Career and Technical Education Programs (For Discussion)

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 525 Requirements for Career and Technical Education Programs 525 Requirements for

Career and Technical Education Programs. The amendments add the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) as a recognized student career and technical student organization and delete the ability for the local school district or charter school to have programs that are not based on the content standards of the state.

The student organizations provide hands on and practical experience and are helpful in improving student achievement as measured against the state achievement standards. The elimination of the local standard language reflects the development and existence of the state standards, national CTE standards, the national CTSO standards and DPAS II component 5 elements.

A.2 Regulation 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement (For Action)

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 910 Delaware General Educational Development (GED) Endorsement. This regulation has been reviewed as part of the five year cycle and changes were made to the title and references to the test to be consistent with the American Council of Education's titling of the test and other GED® brand usage guidelines. The GED® is a brand name and registered trademark of the American Council on Education (ACE). GED® and GED Testing Service® are registered trademarks of the American Council on Education (ACE). They may not be used or reproduced without the express written permission of ACE or GED Testing Service. The GED® and GED Testing Service® brands are administered by GED testing Service LLC under license from the American Council on Education. The following highlights are from the ACE website:

- GED® tests are designed to measure the skills and knowledge equivalent to a high school course of study.
- The GED® test battery comprises five content area assessments:
 - Language Arts, Reading
 - Language Arts, Writing (including an essay)
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- The GED® tests are currently offered only in a paper-pencil format at Official GED Testing Centers™ - they cannot be taken online.

B. Professional Standards Board (*Tab 5*)

**B.1 Regulation 1505 Standard Certificate
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1505 Standard Certificate. The regulation concerns the requirements for certification of educational personnel, pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1220(a). Amendments include several additions to definitions and affording the Department of Education the final approval of requisite coursework or professional development, as mandated for specific Standard Certificates or for individuals working toward their first Standard Certificate who have not graduated from an educator preparation program. Some reformatting was also done to allow for easier understanding. This regulation sets forth the general requirements for specific grade level, content area, specialist and administrative Standard Certificates.

**B.2 Regulation 1506 Emergency Certificate
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1506 Emergency Certificate. The regulation concerns the requirements for certification of educational personnel, pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1220(a) who have otherwise obtained employment or an offer of employment with an employing district and hold a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License, but lack necessary skills and knowledge to immediately meet certification requirements in a specific content area. It is necessary to amend this regulation in order to reduce the period of time an Emergency Certificate is valid and to now require due diligence on the part of the individual to make progress toward the specific Standard Certificate for which the Emergency Certificate was issued in order to be eligible for a maximum of a one year extension. This regulation sets forth the requirements for an Emergency Certificate.

C. Charter Schools (*Tab 7*)

C.1 Update on Renewal Application Initial Hearing

An update will be provided.

**C.2 Progress on Conditions Placed on Pencader Business and Finance Charter High School
(For Information)**

Pencader Business and Finance Charter High School was placed on probation at the July 21, 2011 State Board meeting. A monthly report will be provided to the Board with updates on the progress the school is making to meet conditions placed on the charter.

**C.3 Progress on Conditions Placed on Reach Academy for Girls
(For Information)**

Reach Academy for Girls was placed on probation at the July 21, 2011 State Board meeting. A monthly report will be provided to the Board with updates on the progress the school is making to meet conditions placed on the charter.

**C.4 Charter Schools Update
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

**C.5 Thomas Edison Charter School Presentation– 20 minutes
(For Information)**

Presentation will be done by the Head of School, Mr. Salome Thomas-El.

D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)

D.1 Reapportioned Nominating Districts for New Castle County School Districts

The Election Commissioner, as required by statute, seeks the approval of the State Board of Education of the statutorily mandated reapportioned school board nominating districts for the Brandywine School District, the Christina School District, the Colonial School District and the Red Clay Consolidated School District. Anthony J. Albence, Director, State of Delaware Department of Elections for New Castle County and Howard G. Sholl, Jr., Deputy Director, State of Delaware Department of Elections for New Castle County, will present and explain the Commissioner's reapportioned plan for those Districts and answer questions from the Board.

D.2 Special State Board Work Session on ESEA Flexibility

E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)

**E.1 Appeal of Appoquinimink School District (2011-08)
(For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed Dr. Tom Pledgie on November 1, 2011 to act as the hearing officer.

**E.2 A.S. v. Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (2011-09)
(For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed David Taylor on November 9, 2011 to act as the hearing officer.

**E.3 A.D. v. Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (2011-10)
(For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed Dr. Tom Pledge on November 16, 2011 to act as the hearing officer.

VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)

A. Federal Grants by District

(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)

The monthly review of federal grants by districts as awarded thus far under project proposals is attached.

**B. Regulation 202 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 202 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures to be in compliance with Governor Markell's Executive Order No. 31.

C. Personnel

Appointments

James Dick, Education Associate, Mathematics, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective November 13, 2011.

Eric Shane, Education Associate, Mathematics, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective November 13, 2011.

Transfer

Jeri Gue, Adult Education/ESL Teacher, Prison Education to Adult Education Teacher for Curriculum, Adult and Prison Education Program, College and Workforce Development Branch, effective December 19, 2011.

Retirements

Vicki Fjelsted Fields, Information Systems Technician, Technology Resources and Data Development, Financial Reform and Resource Management, effective February 29, 2012.

Kimberly Minnick, Financial Secretary/Payroll, Financial Reform and Resource Management, Effective February 1, 2012.

Note:

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004, the agenda is subject to change and the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session during the meeting.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.

The State Board may also take breaks during the meeting.